(d) whether the State Government has also sought assistance for some other projects; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Government of Kerala has been advised to revise the proposal so that it could be posed for FAO assistance. The revised proposal is awaited from the State Government.

(d) and (e) A project proposal for Rs. 282.9 lakhs received from the State Government has been referred back to the State Government for elucidation of several points and the reply is awaited.

National Human Rights Commission

2527 SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the name of States which have established the Human Rights Commission;

(b) the mechanism of coordination between the National Human Rights Commission and the State Human Rights Commissions;

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission has opened offices in States which have not established their own Commission; and

(d) the allocation of budget for the NHRC during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Assam.

(b) The statute governing the Human Rights Commissions does not envisage any formal system of coordination between the National Human Rights Commission and the State Human Rights Commission. However, the jurisdiction of a State Commission is limited to matters relatable to any of the entries enumerated in List-II and List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The National Human Rights Commission is barred from inquiring into any matter which is pending before a State Commission under-section (1) of section 36 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Similarly, a State Commission can not inquire into a matter if it is already being inquired into by the National Human Rights Commission (Proviso to sub-Section (5) of Section 21 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993). These provisions have been made with a view to ensuring complimentarity between the National Human Rights Commission and the State Commission and avoiding or minimising duplication.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Rupees three crores.

Price of DAP

2528. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have directed the State Governments to lower the prices of DAP to Rs. 7,773 per tonnes;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal made and the reaction of the State Governments and industry thereto;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the impact on fertilizer industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) Government have issued guidelines on 6th July,'96 at the time of raising the concession on decontrolled fertilizers including DAP to State Governments and Union Territories to negotiate and arrive at prices most advantageous to farmers. In continuation Government has also shared with State/ UT administration the price settled (Rs. 7773/-PMT) by U.T. of Pondicherry for DAP.

Different State Governments and Union Territories have fixed different prices for DAP and other phosphatic fertilisers for Rabi 1996-97. The prices which vary from Rs. 8,200/- PMT plus taxes in case of Bihar to Rs. 9,160/- PMT (inclusive of taxes) in case of U.P. have presumably been arrived at after negotiations with manufacturers/suppliers.

[Translation]

Theft of Foodgrains

2529. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the theft of rice and wheat worth crores of rupees in the Food Corporation of India in Punjab during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such reports have also been received from other States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken against the guilty persons; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.